CANOEING ALONG NICARAGUA.

Adventures on Sea and Shore Among the Mosquito Indians.

By DR. J. HAMPDEN PORTER.

We bought a dory 45 feet long, at the rate of two reals (25 cents) per foot. Our little vessel was a beauty, and fit to go to sea, after being refitted. An arbor of grass amidships to keep off sun or rain; lockers for provisions, and a new sail, put the craft in good shape, except that, having no keel, she did not behave very well with anything but entirely favorable winds.

make everything secure, or lay out a camp beneath one of those great butterseed trees that grew here.

Day and night for a week together it blew and rained; but what interesting things we saw, or heard! Great waterboas fanged like panthers swam or coiled themselves; immense, hideous alligators and blunt-nosed man-cating crocodiles of the Western tropies; legions of

Bright and early on a breezy moraing we took leave of the crowd that escorted as shoreward and sailed away from the control of the crowd that escorted as shoreward and sailed away from the control of the crowd that escorted as shoreward and sailed away from the control of the crowd that escorted are control of the crowd that esc us shoreward and sailed away from these Sambo reprobates, devoutly hoping never seemed pleasant enough, considering our

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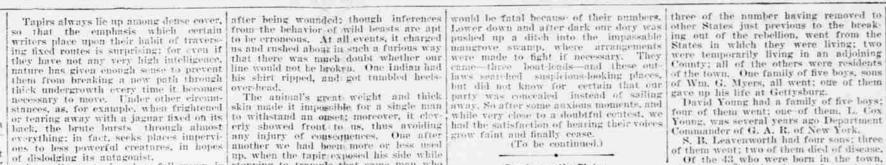
quipia forms a shore line up to Honduras. Much of the interior belonging to both countries is unexplored, while their coasts.

fringed with banks, cays, islands, and cur into by small bays, estuaries—inlets of all sorts, commonly surrounded with forests—

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circumstances, and had often been very Nicaragua's southeastern border abuts much worse as respects both danger or dis-



ors to less powerful creatures.

In ordinary tapir when full grown is about four feet high and six long; its frame looks thick-set and clumsy. Nevertheless, the beast has considerable activities and immense strength. When spring to trample that same man who first went down before him. This finished the affair—a thrust behind the shoulder proved fatal almost instantly.

Rands of Rama Indians wandered about the same friendly or hostile attitude. ity and immense strength. When sprung upon by a tiger, instinct leads it to seek water. The American tiger swims elegantsuccessfully during daylight, and as we pious, had none, our object could only be attained. The





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ted as brought the crussers of every civilized nation against these miscreants; and as much of this bloody history was familiar to us in authentic records, we defermined upon visiting Old Providence

The appending than those who have not tried it would suppose.

All these delicacies were abundant, and many others also, so that we fared well.

Night watches were not particularly exfermined upon visiting Old Providence Island, which once held a similar position among Western pirates to that occupied by Madagascar in the Eastern seas. Our dory sailed fast, and with so fair a breeze as then blew, it could soon have been sighted, if one of those provoking "temporals." or eight-day storms, free clear skies came again our party started to the fermined upon visiting Old Providence Island, which once held a similar position among Western pirates to that we fared well. Night watches were not particularly exciting. We occasionally heard the plunge of some frightened tapir, a panther's scream, and always an intermingling of those wild voices which fill tropical forests while darkness lasts; but nothing hap-pened in the way of adventure, and when the clear skies came again our party started to the complete the com

cropping rocks, from among which little creature in form and character seems to speak sparkling rivulets descended toward the link the clephants with the hog and rhiriver, and it did not take much time to noccross.

afford admirable harbor or hiding-places comfort. For one thing, the fare was ex- dians went out prospecting and found an

the game to scent them; but, having occupied a good, eligible place some distance up the trail, nothing more was needed upon our part than silence and patience. our spears. Then, no doubt, its defense no fear; these sinners, though they worwould be desperate, for tapirs can crush ship devils, are amiable men, and wholly

The one we pursued became enraged fail, or we get aground. Both accidents born and grew to manhood in the town;

ons to less powerful creatures, in hopes another we had been more or less used

ly, but he cannot fight except on shore; may be accepted for a general truth, how-whereas, his victim is almost amphibious ever, that the average savage wherever

There were also Sambo communities scattered around, and these, besides being villatinens, as a matter of course, became more dangerous in proportion to their re-moteness from civilized neighborhoods.

We sailed down the river uguin, bound for Old Providence Island; but evil days were in store, and it looked as if that classic ground of pirates had been forbidlen us by fate.

Running along shore the second night out, our cance struck on a submerged reef, whose sharp rocks cut through our low. The little vessel leaked badly, despite all attempts at patching or plugging; so that some spot where she could be beached for repairs became necessary. Unfortunately these coasts largely consist of mangrove

away westward until distant mountains rose in soft blue outlines against the sky.

Not a moment was wasted after our boat had been drawn up on the beach, and through industry, combined with good luck, toward sundown we ceased to be wreeked; that is to say, the party could get away if needful without being without being the soft was a soft with the same of the soft was a soft with the same of the soft was a soft with the soft was a soft with the soft was a soft with the soft was a get away if needful without being

This repairing was completed none too

afford admirable harbor or hiding-places for light-draft vessels.

Here was the pirates' chosen retreat when lying up for repairs or concealment from ships-of-war. Monstrous deeds have been done in every part of these waters. During at least two centuries what actually happened under the Black Flag was far more horrible than all that lurid imaginations have depicted in second-rate romances. Such attricties were committed as brought the cruisers of every civillated as brought the cruisers of every givillated nation against these miscreants; and lies, possess extremely acute senses of learing and smeil. They are compensations for an entire deficiency in offensive armature, preserving this defenseless creature from enemies it is ill-fitted to encounter. On that account a position taken by hunters must be such as will not allow the game to scent them; but, having occurring to disturb the routine of eamp life. We had no fights with the Pro-Slavery and Free-Soil parties, and they would generally give up their arms without causing any trouble. But it kept us busy to keep them from fighting each other.

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"But there were hot times coming, and the causaigns of the old by the causaigns of th who addressed us might have been some old pirate come to life again.

"Heaven preserve you, gentlemen!" this When an animal passed we intended to close in, taking it between the abattis and excellencies to visit my poor house? Have

Service on the Plains.

Thompson F. Frisby, Stauaton, Ind., writes: "I served in the United States grmy from July 9, 1855, to July 9, 1860. by an dinmense strength. When sprung upon by a tiger, instinct leads it to seek varier. The American figer swims elegant varied according to circumstances. It may be accepted for a general truth, however, that the average savage wherever used in order to hunt bogs are necessary in order to hunt upocessfully during daylight, and as we pious.

Bands of Rama Indians wandered about 1 remains from July 9, 1855, to J cuk of Brigadier-General. Lieut, Church so entered the Confederate army, as a First Lieutenant of Artillery, but his career was cut short by his death in Janu ry, 1863. Both Iverson and Church were orginus, while Capt. Wood was a Ken-ekian and remained loyal to the Union use, and rose to be Major-General of

The regimental officers were Col. Sam-Woods: "Lieut. Col. Joseph E. Jahuston. later a famous Confederate commander, and Maj. Sedgwick, who was killed at the got them started. tile of Spotisylvania, Va.
"We left Lexington for Fort Leaven-

worth, Kansas Territory, about Aug. 27, and reached that place about Sept. 7. swamps, low-lying, and with mud over one's head.

We put into an inland reach that had a creek to its apex, and did our best with bailing, shifting cargo aft, and crowding there ourselves to keen from heavy water. bailing, shifting cargo aft, and crowding there outselves to keep from being waterlogged; but had several hours of hard work before the stream showed any firm ground on either side. At last marsh and forest came to an end, while broad on both hands spread wide savannahs, and beautiful, a park-like country stretched away westward until distant mountains rose in soft blue outlines against the sky.

Not a moment was wasted after our

all into line and informed us that we would have all the fighting we wanted be It was finished soon, for ill-fortune had landed us near a Sambo settlement, concelled from where we were. They had seen us, however, and made arrangements to appropriate our possessions.

As we sat 'round a small fire eating the service was not against the Infinite file.

Would have all the lighting we wanted before long, which prophecy was later fulled, as those will see who read the article by Comrade Peck, who joined the command in the Fall of 1856. However, our next service was not against the Infinite file.

As we sat 'round a small fire eating the Pro-Slavery and Fall of Sall or Sall our next service was not against the In-dians, but in disarming the Pro-Slavery and Free-Soil agitators in Kansas during the Summer of 1856. The Winter of 1855-6. I neglected to state, was spent at Fort Leavenworth, nothing occurring to dis

against the Indians form an important chapter in the history of our Western territory, which was made safe for set-tlers by the vigilance of Uncle Sam's "Rough Riders."

a breeze as then blew, it could soon have been sighted, if one of these providing "temporals," or eight-day storns, frequently occurring at this season, had not come on inopportunely. A part became the first consideration the arrangement of the at hand. We run into the pened to be at hand. We run into the prince along low, modely flats overgrown with mangroves like them of West African interests before finding any rising grounds multiple to sheep during the ware of the control and rivers as before finding to the control and rivers as the wind increased finding the control and rivers as the wind increased finding controling to see the possibility of the control and rivers as the wind increased finding controling to see the possibility of the part they took in the which we part of all heavily, an inled diately. It narrowed very much industry and the part they took in the which we part of all deavily, an indicately. It narrowed very much industry and the fight commenced in front of our short which was completely overs and dock, which was completely overs and dock which we part and dock which we have a find the part of the commenced in front of our stories and the special time and the part of the commenced in front of our stance, we followed, and the fight commenced in front of our stance, which was completely overs and dock, which was completely overs and dock, which was completely overs and dock which was completely overs and dock which we have the part of the commenced in front of our stance, and the special men, and the special men, and the special men, and who with the part they took in the part they took in the part of the commence o

of them went; two of them died of disease.

Of the 43 who were born in the town, nine are still living here. I wonder if any other town of its size can show a better record? ISAAC SERGEANT, Co. A, 168th, and C, 40th N. Y.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I served nearly four years in the Union army dur-ing the late rebellion in Cos. F and A, 1st ing the late rebellion in Cos. F and A, 1st
W. Va. H. A. I see a great many interesting letters from the old boys from
other States, but very few from West
Virginia. We are not ashamed of the part
we took in the great stringle. I have
seen West Virginia resigneds and the state of the break, the break and fruit vansteen West Virginia resigneds and the were covered with streak. we took in the great struggle. I have seen West Virginia regiments want into the gap where others had failed, and they held the ground. I believe there is as much loyalty and patriotism in West Virginia to the square foot as there is anywhere in the United States, and there is much good talent among the veterans, who could send letters to The National was pieces of silver and one of gold, he found that the gold piece had vanished and in its place was a silver piece. The lightning had, in fact, pierced through the leather of the purse and covered the gold piece

Freaks of Lightning. Electrical Review

M. Camille Flammarion, the well-knows French astronomer and author, has devoted considerable time to the study of the effects of lightning on men, animals of Wm. G. Myers, all went; one of them and other objects to illustrate the freakof Win. G. Myers, all went; one of them gave up his life at Gettysburg.

David Young had a family of five boys; four of them went; one of them, L. Cox Young, was several years ago Department Commander of G. A. R. of New York.

S. B. Leavenworth had four sons; three distance of 50 yards without being in the least conscious that anything unusual the least conscious that anything unusual had happened to him until the lightning threw him against the wall of a house, where he received a slight wound in the knee. Two cows, which were 200 yards from him when the bolt fell, were killed. Three seldiers are said to have sought refuge under a line of tree during a storm, and all three were struck by lightning and and all three were strices by againing and killed as they stood side by side. Though dead they maintained their erect position, but their bodies, when touched, crumbled away into dust. Two peasants were pre-

got them started.

JOHN M. MILLAN.

Adjutant, Gooch Post, SS, flymer, W. Va.

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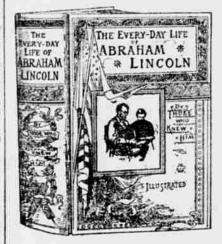
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